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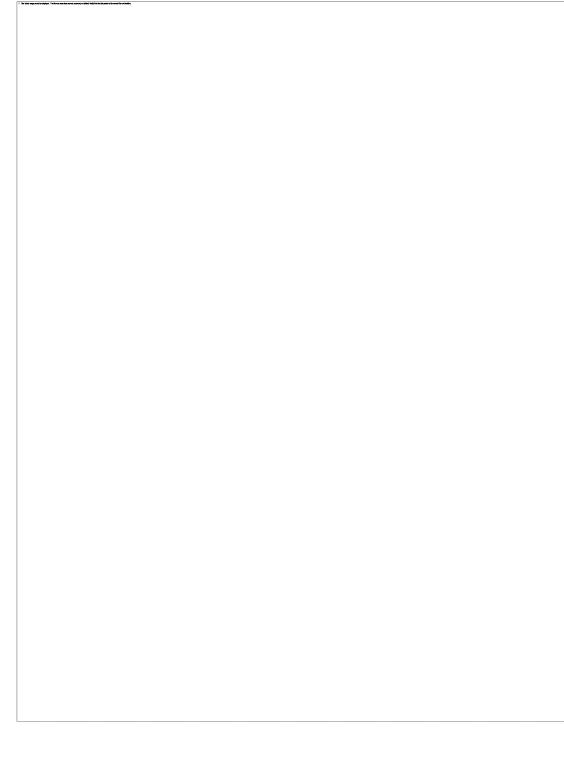
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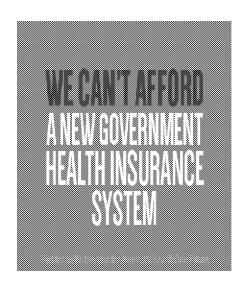
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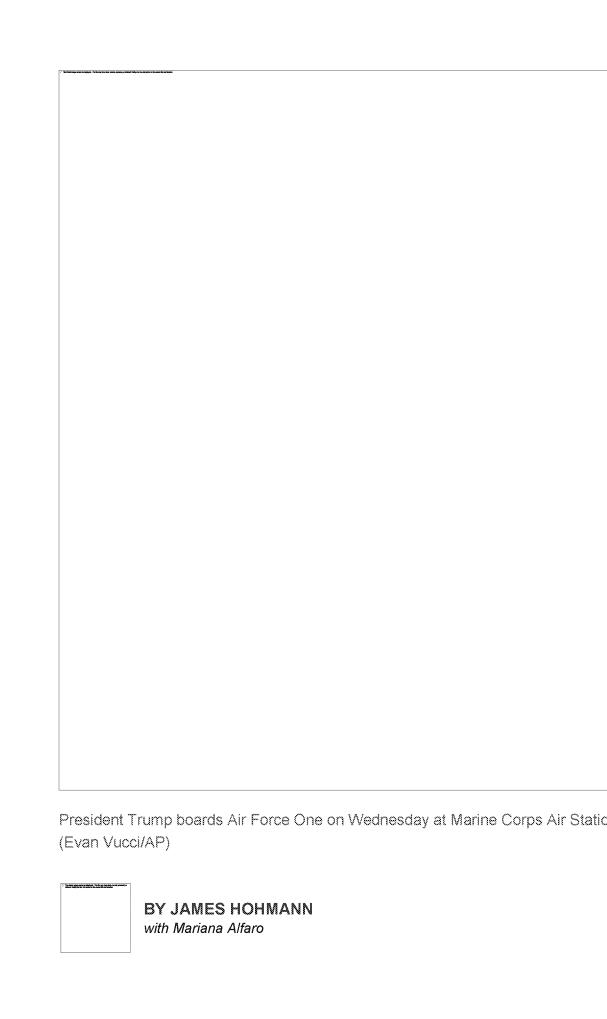








Trump's purported 'promise' to a foreign after the White House scaled back readou



THE BIG IDEA: After President Trump initiated a phone call with July 31, the American people found out when the Russian gover it on Twitter and Facebook.

The White House press office waited several hours to confirm that the then did so with a two-sentence statement sent to a pool reporter after "expressed concern over the vast wildfires afflicting Siberia," the 28-v "The leaders also discussed trade between the two countries."

The 149-word Russian readout went further: "The President of Russia President's offer as a sign that it is possible that full-scale bilateral related restored in the future. The presidents of Russia and the United States contacts in the form of telephone conversations as well as personal new presidents."

This is one of several newsworthy communications that Trump had we state that first became public because the other side disclosed it. The House has curtailed the longstanding, bipartisan practice of autoout summaries of presidential communications with other world from transparency, which has often allowed adversaries to shape the fresh scrutiny and raises a battery of new questions in the wake of a by my colleagues.

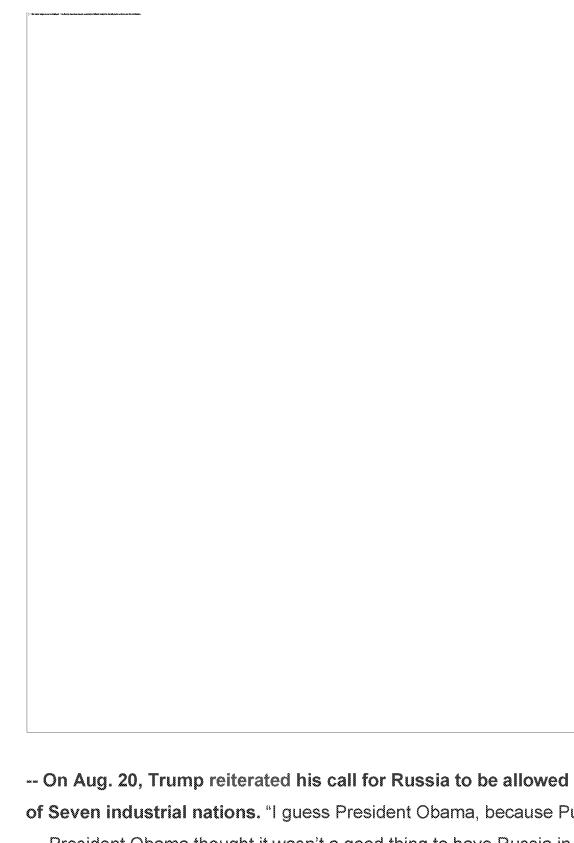
-- "The whistleblower complaint that has triggered a tense showed U.S. intelligence community and Congress involves President To communications with a foreign leader," Greg Miller, Ellen Nakashi report, citing two former U.S. officials familiar with the matter:

"Trump's interaction with the foreign leader included a 'promise' as so troubling that it prompted an official in the U.S. intelligence a formal whistleblower complaint with the inspector general for community ... It was not immediately clear which foreign leader Trui

or what he pledged to deliver ... One former official said the commun call. ...

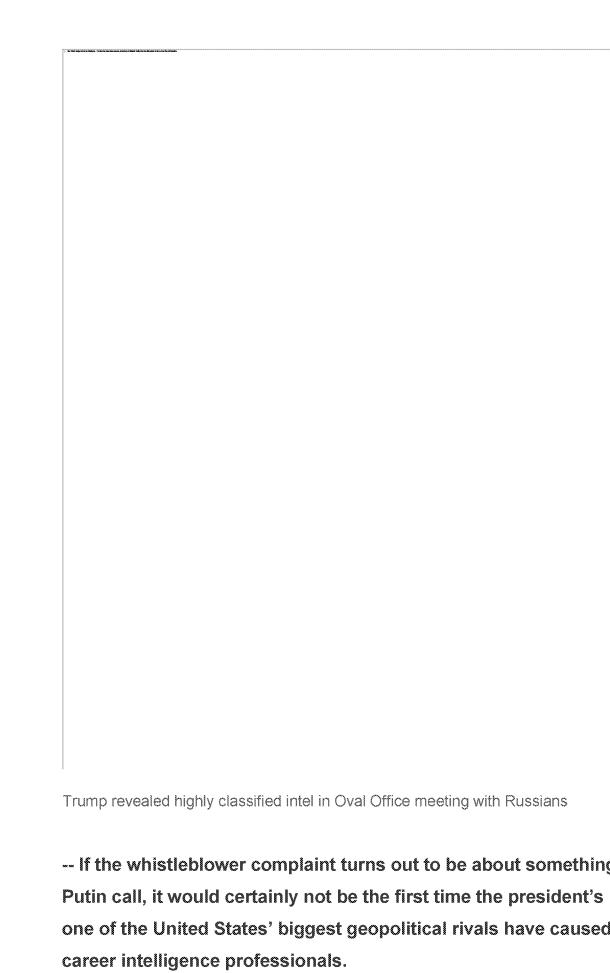
"Intelligence Community Inspector General Michael Atkinson de complaint was credible and troubling enough to be considered a concern," a legal threshold that requires notification of congress committees. But acting director of national intelligence Joseph I to share details about Trump's alleged transgression with lawnablegal and political dispute that has spilled into public view and prompt the spy chief is improperly protecting the president. ... The complaint Atkinson's office on Aug. 12, a date on which Trump was at his golf rewith the White House records indicate that Trump had had conversations of at least five foreign leaders in the preceding five weeks."

-- One of those five interactions was that July 31 phone call with



Crimea region. "But I think it's much more appropriate to have Russia expelled from the group in 2014 after the annexation, which Obama of international law. The Kremlin subsequently interfered in the 2016 U. election.





In March 2018, Trump ignored specific warnings from his national sec he congratulated Putin on his reelection. "DO NOT CONGRATULATE materials stated in all-capital letters. Experts said Putin only got 76 per because it was a rigged election.

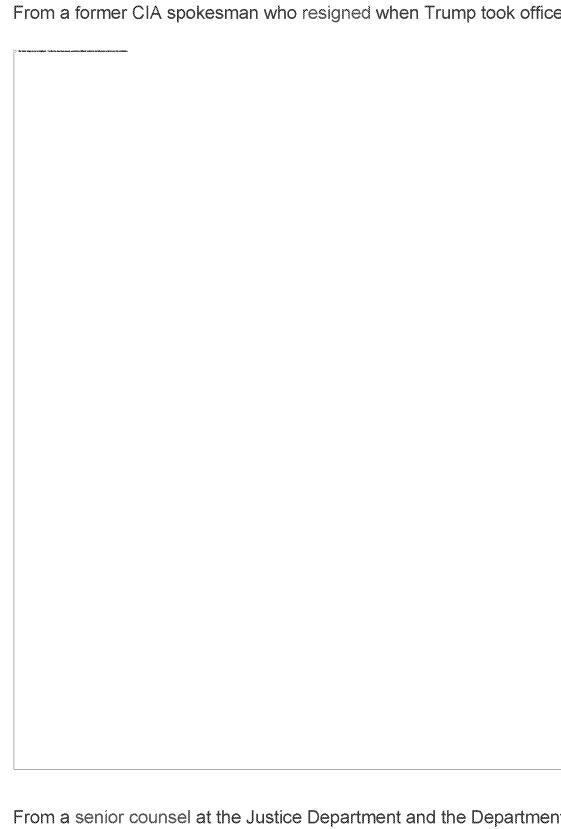
In May 2017, Trump revealed classified information about espionage senior Russian officials in the Oval Office.

Trump has gone to extraordinary lengths to conceal details of his conincluding on at least one occasion taking possession of the notes of hand instructing the linguist not to discuss what had transpired with oth officials. "Trump did so after a meeting with Putin in 2017 in Hamburg attended by then-Secretary of State Rex Tillerson," Miller reported in officials learned of Trump's actions when a White House adviser and Department official sought information from the interpreter beyond a Tillerson."

-- The White House decision to restrict private and public readout with foreign leaders followed a series of leaks that embarrassed Washington Post, you might recall, published full transcripts in the su Trump's calls with the leaders of Australia and Mexico.)

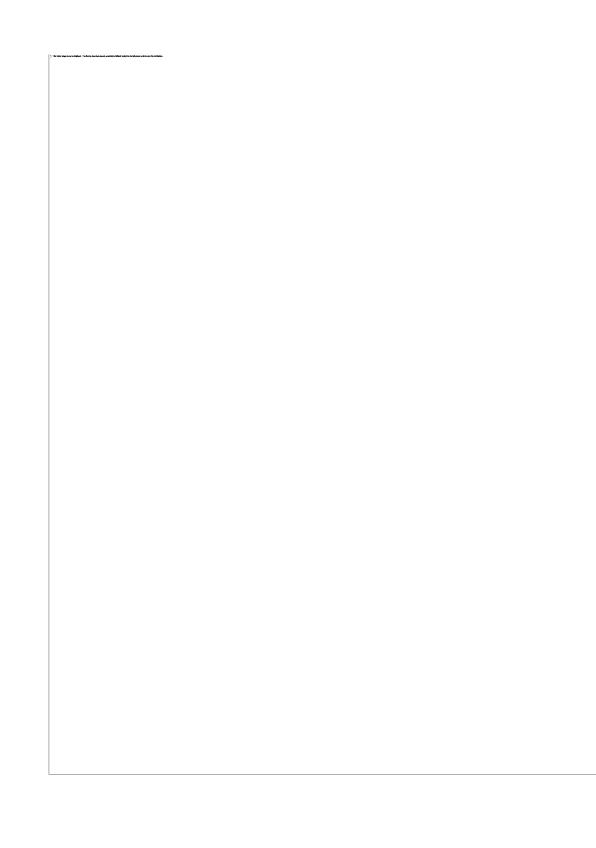
In another memorable episode from April 2017, no one at the White Hard Trump had spoken on his personal cellphone with Canadian Prime Market Trudeau. They found out only when Canada issued a readout that sa complained to Trump of "unfair duties" and "baseless" claims about the administration officials. "After the call, White House aides urged Trum conversations with foreign leaders through the Situation Room, as records law," a senior administration official told The Post at the time

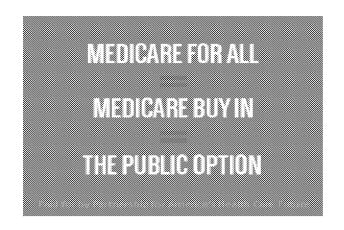
-- Social media is abuzz with reaction to the latest revelations:



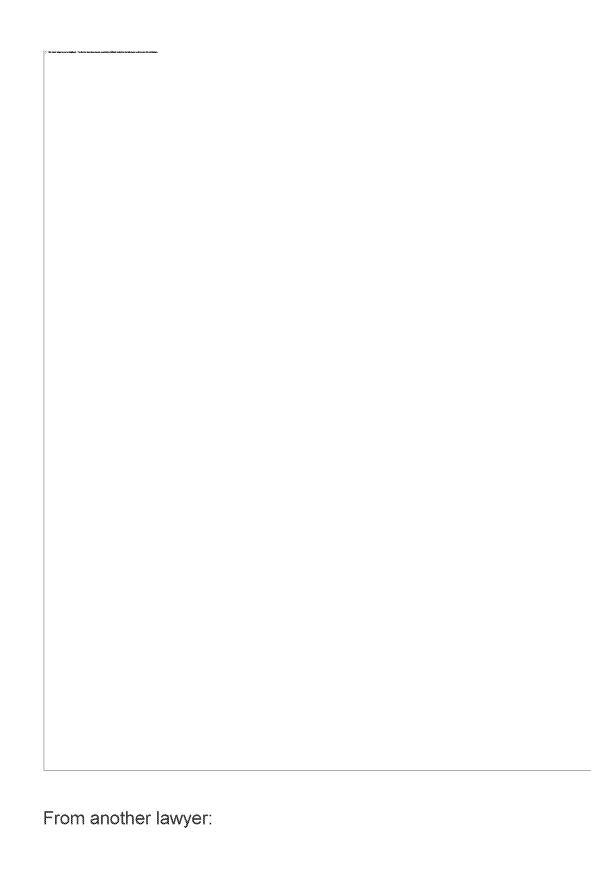
From a senior counsel at the Justice Department and the Departmen Security during the Obama administration:

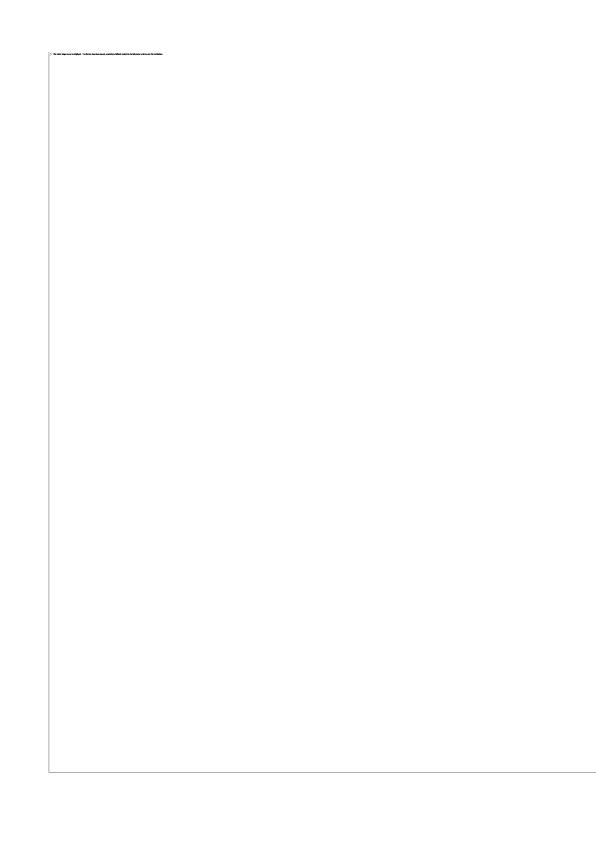






From a University of Michigan law professor who formerly served as







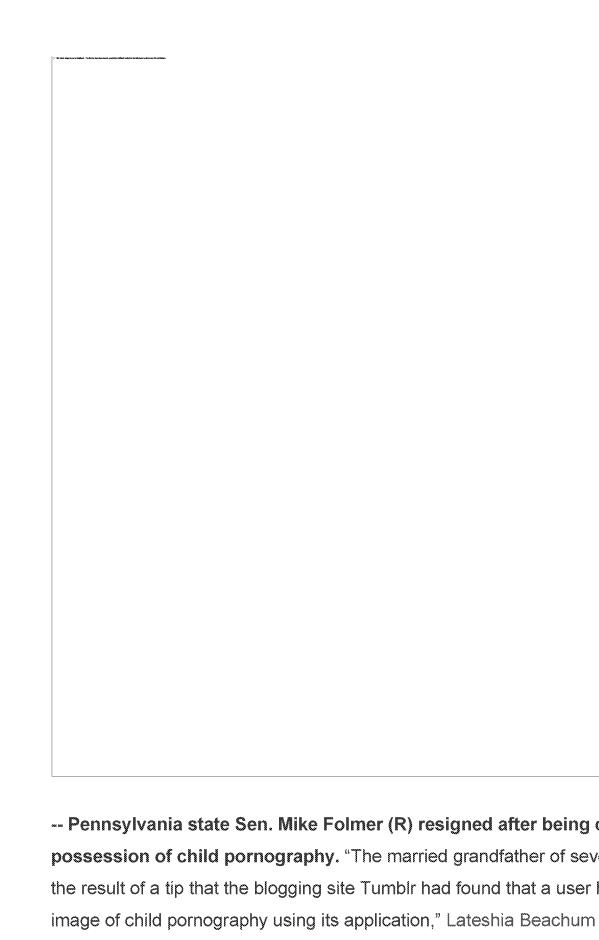
HILE YOU WERE SLEEPING:								

Afghanistan. (Stringer/Reuters)

-- A Taliban suicide bomber attack struck a hospital in southern leaving more than 15 dead, while a U.S. airstrike killed nine civili



-- Trudeau apologized for wearing brownface and blackface after surfaced showing him at an Arabian Nights-themed party in 200 Canadian prime minister in another scandal as he struggles to we Amanda Coletta, Hannah Knowles and Reis Thebault report: "The phywednesday by Time and taken while Trudeau was a teacher at the phywednesday by Time and taken while Trudeau was a teacher at the phywednesday in Vancouver, depicts the then-29-year-old smilling while feathered turban, his face darkened in a practice with racist roots. ... Aladdin costume and put makeup on,' Trudeau said at a news confer evening. 'I shouldn't have done that. I should've known better, but I dissorry.' Trudeau also admitted to wearing blackface in high school while 'Day-O' at a talent show. ... Trudeau faces a formidable challenge from leader Andrew Scheer, who blasted his opponent Wednesday night, photo 'an act of open mockery and racism."



authorities that he received child pornography images through his Tu



THE DOMESTIC AGENDA:

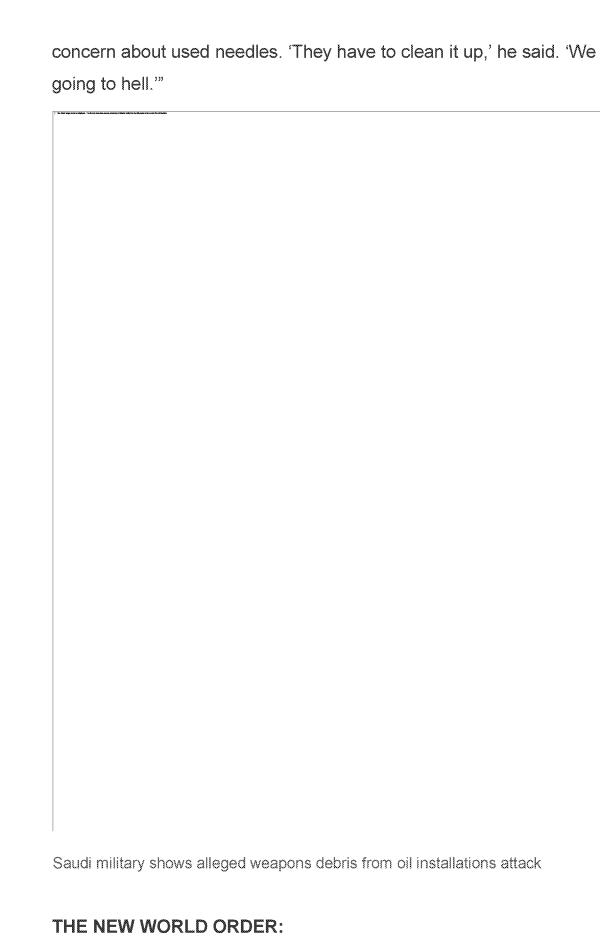
- -- Trump's leaked plan to expand background checks on firearm attacks from the National Rifle Association, which promised to fix Kim, Paul Kane and Josh Dawsey report: The NRA "immediately distributed by the Justice Department as a non-starter. A White House sy that the document was a White House product even though its top was briefing GOP senators on the plan's details. Many Republicans was pecifics of the background checks measure remained lukewarm about GOP senators who had been directly briefed by Attorney General Will plan acknowledged that the proposal was incomplete at best."
- -- Trump claimed a deal on guns has become "much harder" bed O'Rourke's calls for a mandatory buyback program for assault-s O'Rourke, Trump tweeted, "convinced many that Dems just want to to Meanwhile, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) said Co for Trump's guidance on what gun-related proposals he's willing to su Wagner.
- -- A new report released by Democrats on Congress's Joint Ecomeasured the staggering human economic toll of gun violence it key findings:
 - Firearms killed more people than motor vehicle acc time in 2017.
 - Sixty percent of gun deaths each year are suicides.
 - Gun violence costs the country \$229 billion a year,
 the nation's GDP.
 - Compared to other high-income countries, the U.S.'
 fatality rate is nearly 50 times higher for teens and y
- -- Nancy Pelosi said she would have held former Trump campaig Lewandowski in contempt "right then and there" when he show

House members during his hearing. Rachael Bade reports: "In a sillawmakers from across the caucus, Pelosi (D-Calif.) complained that able to treat members of Congress like [Lewandowski] did during a T before the House Judiciary Committee ... Several lawmakers in the reas a dig at House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jerrold Nadler (D-Not to hold Lewandowski in contempt for his defiant behavior on Tuesday

- -- House Democrats eager to impeach Trump are struggling to g support. Bade, Mike DeBonis and Josh Dawsey report: While Lewar "acrimonious testimony drew headlines and attention, even some imperponents said it wouldn't sway the public. ... The skepticism undersome Democrats face as they weigh whether to draft articles of impeachment overwhelmingly oppose a move to oust the president and some posentiment moving in the opposite direction. The public, some Democrated to Trump-related scandals, making the committee's job even more difficult. ... 'Any other president, had they done one of tho the public would be screaming,' said Rep. Lois Frankel (D-Fla.). 'To become numb, and he gets away with it.'"
- -- The White House will pull the nomination of Jeffery Byard to le Emergency Management Agency, per Politico: "The official said that nomination after an accusation surfaced that he was in an altercation that the FBI determined that the accusation was unsubstantiated."
- -- Sen. John Kennedy (R-La.) said he's "doubtful" he'll support I nominee Steven Mensahi. "My thought is, look, if he'll treat a United way he treated us, I wonder how he would treat the people," Kennedy throwing a major blow at an already controversial court pick.
- -- Lynne Patton, a senior Housing and Urban Development offici by the Office of Special Counsel for making political statements

"used her official government Twitter account to promote political twe red 'USA' hat sold by the Trump campaign in her office," Politico report a warning letter determining that both activities violated the Hatch Act of two other alleged violations, including an appearance at an oversign former Trump personal lawyer Michael Cohen.

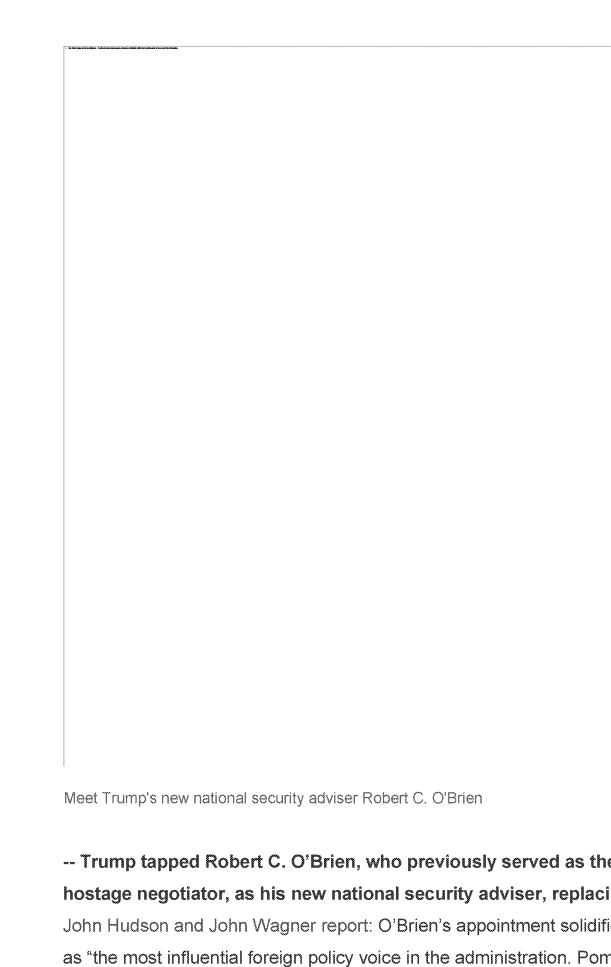
- -- Purdue Pharma's bankruptcy plan includes special protection family fortune. If lawsuits against the wealthy family aren't halted, the unwilling—or unable" to contribute billions to the drugmaker's bankru Purdue said in a court filing. (Renae Merle and Lenny Bernstein)
- -- Federal authorities are conducting a criminal investigation of to compliance officer at a McKesson Corp. warehouse in southern alleging he conspired to illegally distribute powerful narcotics of Bernstein, Matt Zapotosky and Scott Higham report: "With no annour Gustin was indicted in March by a grand jury in eastern Kentucky on conspiracy, a charge that carries a penalty of as much as 20 years in records reveal the charges against Gustin stem from his responsibilited 13,000 pharmacy customers in 15 states were allowing drugs distributed diverted to the black market. Two other people have been told the of the probe, and subpoenas for information have been issued to McI drug distributor in the United States..."
- -- Trump threatened to slap San Francisco with environmental vibration of homeless population. Allyson Chiu reports: "It's a terrible situation of Angeles and in San Francisco," Trump told reporters aboard Air Force the [Environmental Protection Agency] should issue a notice in less the unclear what laws San Francisco is accused of violating, but the present of the protection of the ocean through storm sewers, specific accused through storm sewers, specific accused through storm sewers.



State Mike Pompeo laid the blame on Tehran and labeled the attackment. Carol Morello and John Wagner report: "Pompeo, who Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman on Wednesday evening, told rebefore arriving in Saudi Arabia that the intelligence community had 'he the weapons systems used in the attacks were not in the Houthis' are had also not come from the south, where the Houthis control territory 'flight patterns' that would have explained the location of impact point facilities. 'This was an Iranian attack,' he said. 'It didn't come from senior administration official familiar with Pompeo's visit said the U.S photos and debris, including some intact weaponry.

"Meanwhile, the United States still has not issued visas for Irania Rouhani and his delegation to go to New York next week for the General Assembly, and the Iranians may cancel their trip, state in Wednesday. Pompeo declined to discuss visas for Rouhani and Zarif States sanctioned in July."

- -- Pompeo said he's in the Middle East to build a coalition to determine that the U.S. will use the upcoming U.N. assembly to rally for supagainst Tehran. From CNN: "Vice President Mike Pence has suggest retaliation is possible ... But the President and US allies are sending a Trump, who campaigned on getting the US out of foreign fights and had American involvement in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, faces a battle would be complicated by a new conflict. And Saudi officials have made thouse that they do not want to be dragged into war either."
- -- Iran's foreign minister Mohammad Javad Zarif warned that any country will result in "all-out war," in an apparent response to Po(AP)



O'Brien for years and backed his ascension to the job after battling warray of policy issues on Afghanistan, Iran and North Korea ... Official friendly demeanor and experience as a lawyer could bring more stab an often chaotic policymaking process going into the 2020 election."

- -- The new national security chief forged a relationship with Truis secure the freedom of American hostages. Missy Ryan, Shane Hardward Hudson report: "People close to some of the hostages freed and their believe his appointment might bring more attention to their plight. ... of the Trump administration, some 20 Americans have been released or captivity abroad, though it is difficult to say whether O'Brien's effort release of those freed under his watch. ... O'Brien has shown himself bureaucrat, developing a strong channel to top administration officials in policy deliberations beyond hostage issues..."
- -- From the sidelines, Bolton has made little secret of his disagree president. From Politico's Daniel Lippman: Bolton "harshly criticized policy on Wednesday at a private lunch, saying that inviting the Talibasent a 'terrible signal' and that it was 'disrespectful' to the victims of 9 Taliban had harbored al Qaeda. Bolton also said that any negotiation and Iran were 'doomed to failure,' according to two attendees. All the Iranians want to do is negotiate for relief from sanctions to support the Bolton, who was speaking before guests invited by the Gatestone Insthink tank. 'He ripped Trump, without using his name, several times,'
- -- O'Brien will inherit a National Security Council struggling to at and former U.S. officials told NPR: "In the Trump administration, some brightest minds are turning down high-powered NSC assignments, as avoiding the place altogether. Career foreign policy professionals inclining the NSC, which is part of the White House, will taint them as profession of thought that it can be risky for your career so

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puts you in a position where you have to say no to ambassadors and

and they may remember that when you return,' said one senior foreig

-- Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, seeing his chanced slipping as the final votes from this week's election were counted power-sharing agreement with his chief political rival — who prodown. Ruth Eglash and Steve Hendrix report: "Benny Gantz, head of and White party, said he was open to the idea of unity government as top of it. Netanyahu had rejected the idea of a unity government throughout he invited Gantz to 'meet me today' soon after Blue and White was picked up another parliamentary seat, giving it an edge over Netanyahu party of 33 seats to 31, with 97 percent of the vote recorded. ...

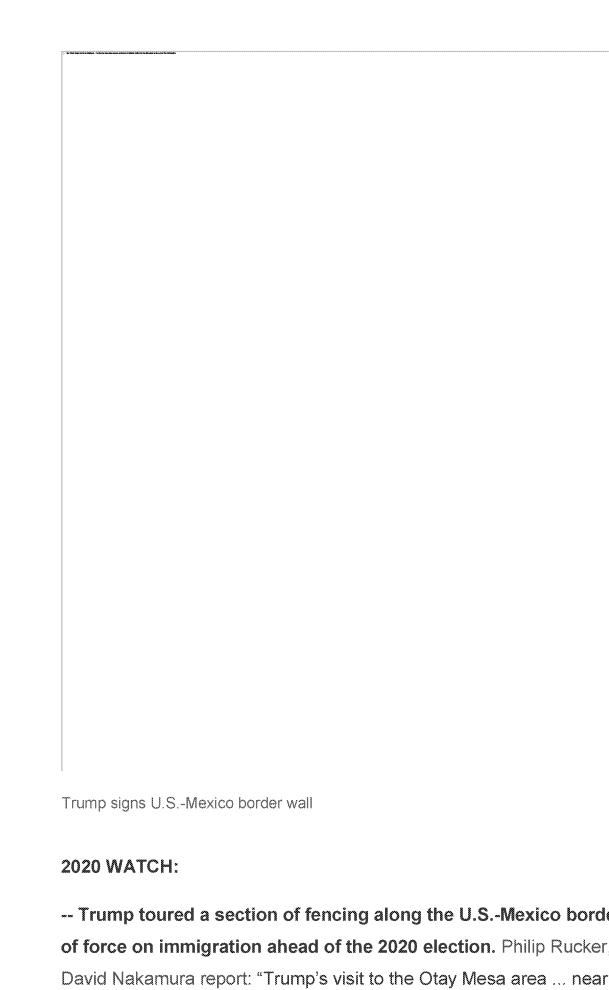
"Gantz said his party won the election outright, receiving a large than Likud. He also said he would continue to pursue the creatic secular and liberal government. ... The shortest path to a majority is to turn to the other for a coalition and share the prime minister's job positions on a rotating basis. Israel has had several such unity govern period in the 1980s when rivals Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Shamir sh Netanyahu and Gantz both appeared — and shook hands — at a med Peres on Thursday, and Netanyahu called for the parties to follow his sharing. ... But in today's Israel — a polarized country with Netanyah polarizing figures — a unity government would be a tough sell, even it leaders begin to talk."

-- Trump appeared to give Bibi the cold shoulder after declining embattled Israeli prime minister encouragement or praise now the potential defeat. Anne Gearan reports: "Speaking a day after Israeli leave Netanyahu weakened, Trump seemed cool to the Israeli conse touted his ideological lockstep with Trump as a chief reelection crede had not spoken to Netanyahu, a man he has described as a close frie

that the election is close while playing down Netanyahu's importance between the United States and Israel. 'Our relations are with Israel, s happens,' Trump told reporters traveling with him in California."

-- Avidgor Lieberman's gamble has paid off: He could now play to kingmaker. From the AP: "Lieberman took the political gamble of his his mentor [Netanyahu] and forced an unprecedented repeat election emerged as the election's true winner — the one most likely to dictate next government. Lieberman passed up the post of defense minister government following April's election and refused to join the new coat the prime minister one seat short of a parliamentary majority. Instead alternative candidate a chance to form a government, Netanyahu discalled another snap election — launching a scathing campaign aimed of his former protégé. But now it may turn out to be the other way are

-- Israel is a "Russian-speaking country," Putin declared in Mose two countries share a common history and extensive family ties



the administration has felt emboldened after winning new legal author in funding a border wall and, at least temporarily, gaining additional prestrictions on asylum that could help blunt a record surge of Central Capping a three-day road trip that included a campaign rally in New 10 campaign fundraisers in California, Trump touted his team's progret 24-mile section of replacement barrier here. 'People are hearing at they're not coming up nearly as much,' Trump told reporters while stated foot steel bollard fencing, which he called the 'Rolls-Royce' of bord see this — it's one of the reasons I'm doing this — and they think, 'The make that long journey up because we're not getting into the United Stadded."

- recent years. They include potentially hazardous living conditions for families, as well as unsafe schools that would impede learning. In numerical potential would be put at risk if building military's standards for fire safety or management of explosives. Ever construction funding was pulled to support a wall along the U.S.-Mex buildings across the country often had been neglected in favor of other defense spending limits that took effect after a 2013 budget deal design government shutdown starved the military's construction budget for y analysts say, meaning many construction projects are long overdue."
- -- The Interior Department is transferring more than 500 acres of Pentagon for construction of the border wall, reports the Wall Stre
- -- Meanwhile, the U.S. military spent \$184,000 at Trump's Scotlar to documents released by the House Oversight Committee. Lead

Democratic-led committee said information provided by the Pentagor taxpayer funds were used to pay for more than three dozen separate more than previously disclosed, per John Wagner and David Fahrent

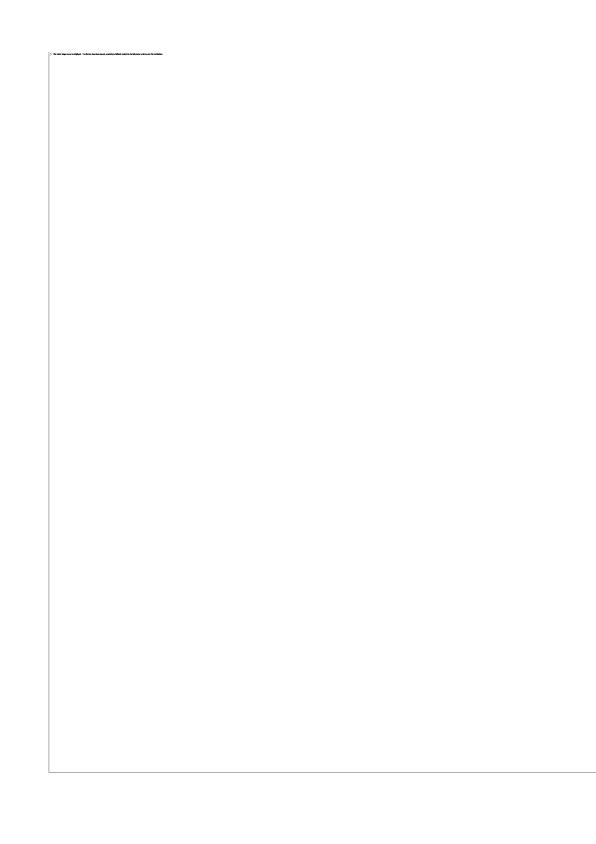
- -- Trump's friend Tom Barrack, who is under scrutiny by prosect possible foreign influence over the president's 2016 campaign, reat Trump's California fundraisers. Barrack, who has given \$360,600 Victory Committee, participated in two of Trump's California events, as president's relatives, party and campaign officials, reports the Times.
- —Barack Obama offered a thinly veiled critique of Trump's pending and TV news while speaking at a private event held by dark Greg Bensinger reports: "Obama explained how he had approached some 3,000 political appointments, before offering this advice: 'The obelieful is not watching TV or reading social media.' 'Those are two the you're our president, not to do,' he said. 'It creates a lot of noise and judgment.' ... 'I'm proud of the fact we didn't have indictments,' during office, he said."
- all on lowa. From Politico: "Harris is putting her stumbling campaign new lowa-or-bust strategy: She's shifting away from the closed-door dominated her summer calendar to focus on retail politicking in the critaris huddled with top campaign officials Tuesday in Baltimore to disas a series of polls show her plummeting into the mid-single digits. ... make weekly visits to the state and nearly double the size of her 65-poperation ... Harris herself appeared to confirm the lowa focus on We on purpose. 'I'm [expletive] moving to lowa,' she joked to a collect within earshot of a reporter."

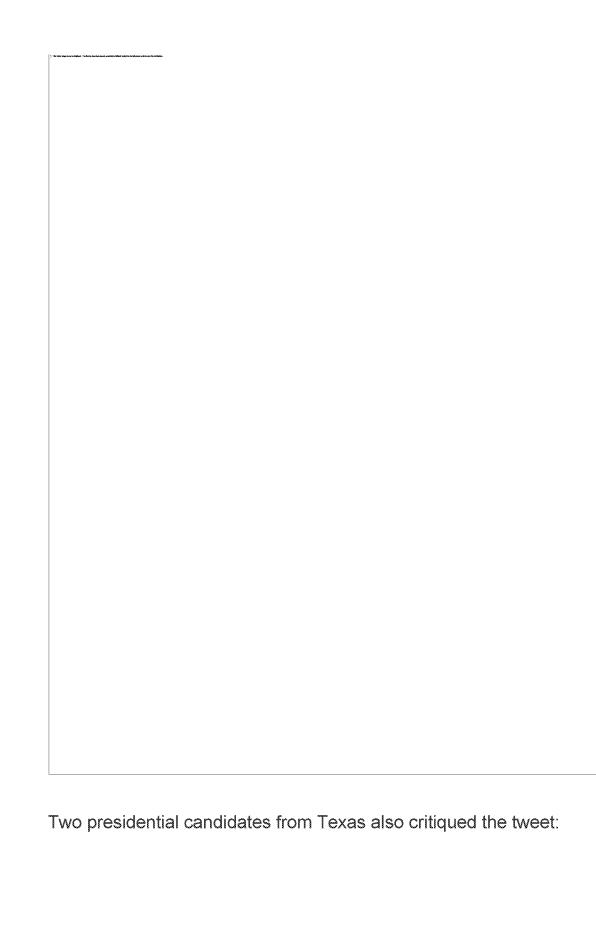
- -- Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) parted ways with his lowa political Mazour. Sean Sullivan reports: "A campaign official ... said Mazour was summer and has not been replaced. Mazour, who was a high-ranking not the director of the lowa effort, did not immediately respond to a retrieve the campaign did not publicly announce her departure at the time."
- -- Rep. Joe Kennedy III will make official his primary challenge to Edward Markey during a rally on Saturday. Bobby Kennedy's gran Markey to tell him in person, Colby Itkowitz, Mike DeBonis and Annie intergenerational matchup could be unsettling for donors in Massachi has long supported both of them.
- -- Tom Perez, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, we terms that the party cannot partner effectively with the Trump accommodate of foreign interference in the 2020 election because of the presidents about Russian interference in the 2016 election. Isaac Stareports: "The president's words and actions have made it difficult to deffective trust-based relationship with the Department of Homeland Stare in a letter to Sen. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) in response to a request for in the major national party committees were guarding against information
- -- With no warrant or subpoena, Kentucky State Police seized a confice of Secretary of State Alison Lundergan Grimes as part of into how Grimes and her aides used voter data. The computers we Grimes' ongoing legal challenge to a law enacted earlier this year that her powers as secretary of state over the Kentucky Board of Election Leader)
- -- "Alexa, I want to make a political contribution": Starting next read Amazon's voice-controlled home assistant Alexa will be able to a donations to a 2020 presidential campaign. Users will be able to next the starting next read a second s

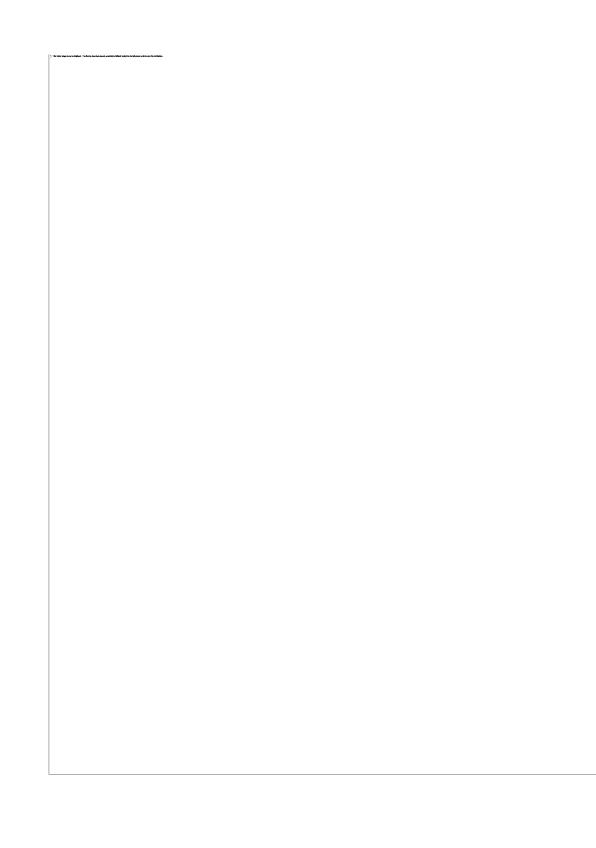
least \$5 and up to \$200. Alexa Political Contributions is among the new the home assistant to help users find more information about the 202 election, Michelle Ye Hee Lee reports. (Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos own

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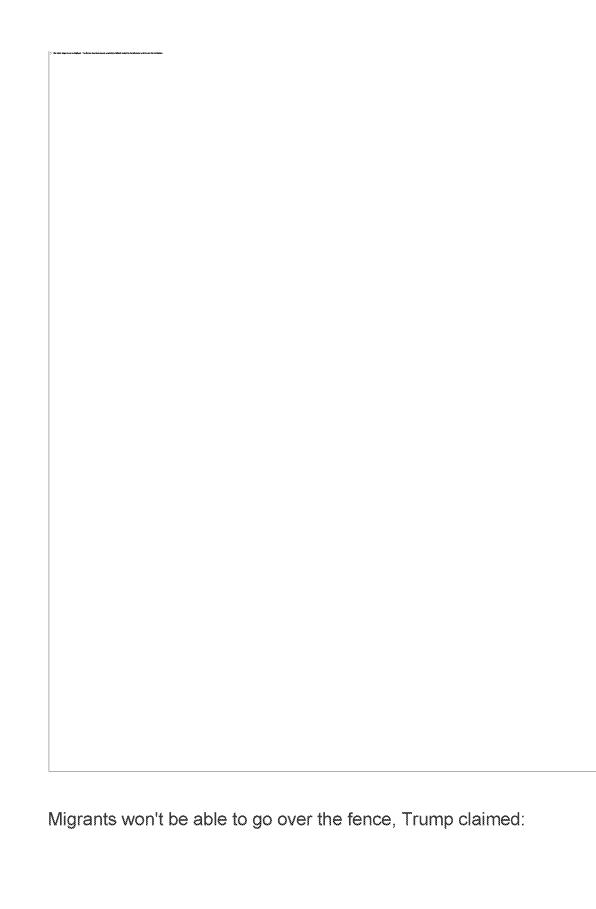
Trump shared a warning in Spanish. Unfortunately, it wasn't gramma Twitter quickly took note:

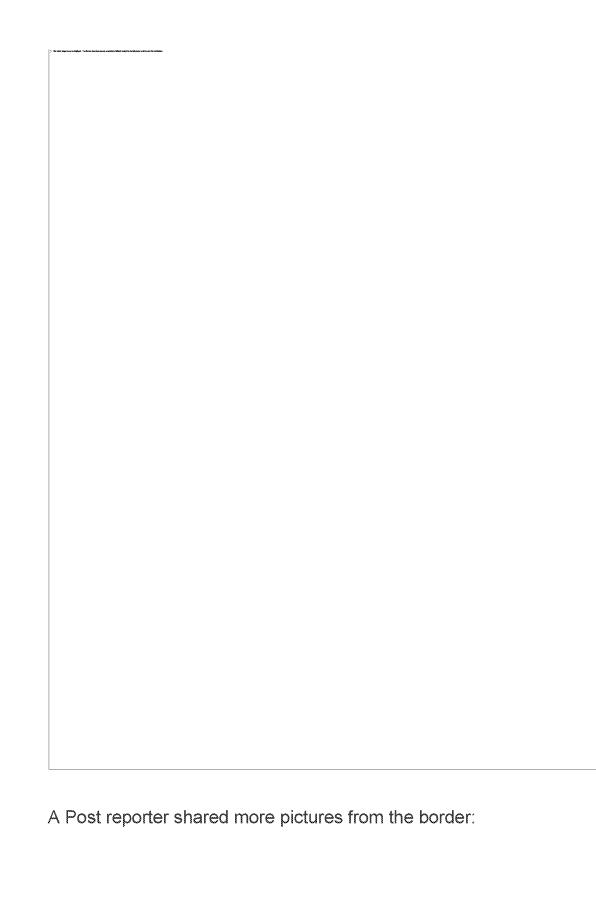


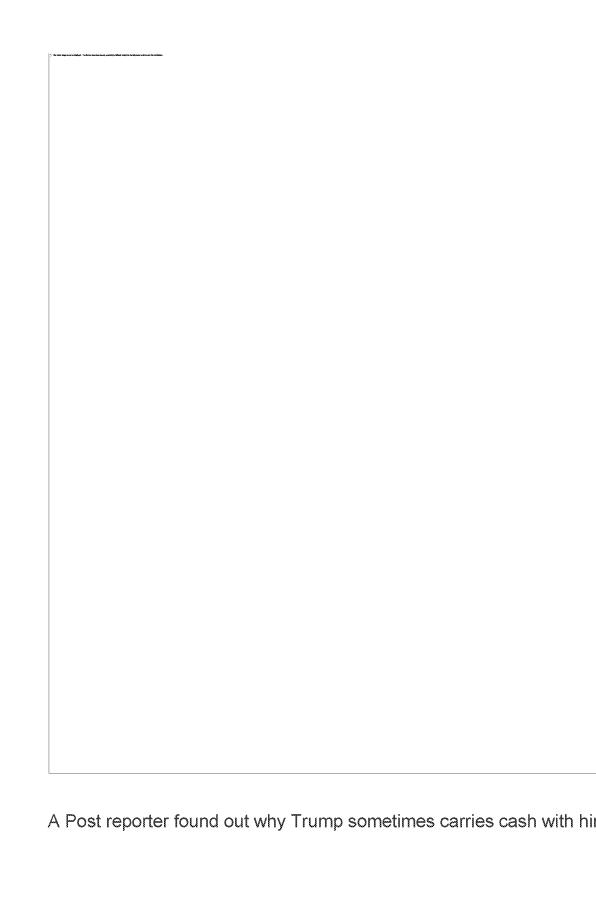


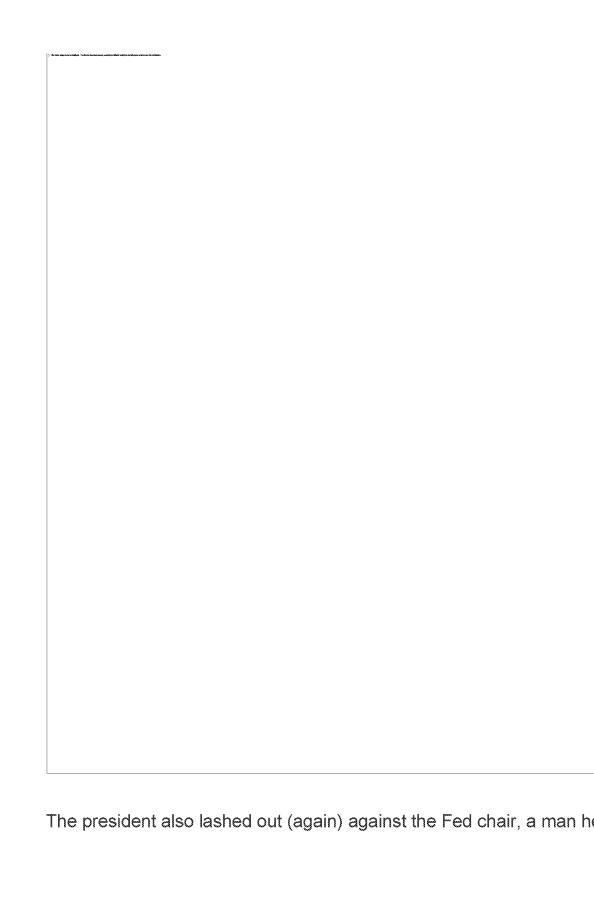


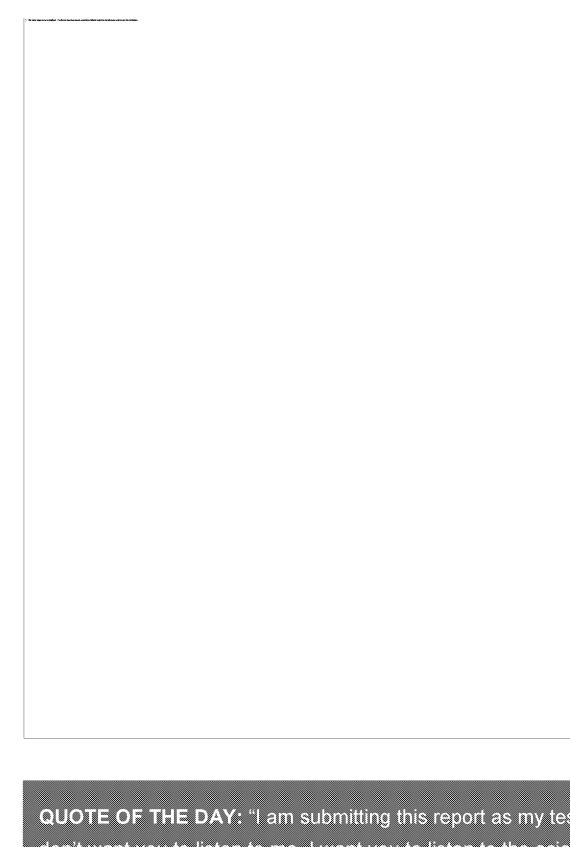












QUOTE OF THE DAY: "I am submitting this report as my test don't want you to listen to me, I want you to listen to the scie activist Greta Thunberg, 16, said during a congressional heat submitting a landmark United Nations report that warned of consequences for the planet if the atmosphere continues to to unite behind science. And then I want you to take real acti (Kayla Epstein)

VIDEOS OF THE DAY:

A back-to-school PSA from anti-violence nonprofit Sandy Hook Promgut. (Content warning: the video depicts scenes of school shootings a





